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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK JUDGE PAESKA

MARJORIE MILLS DIXON,

Plaintiff,

- against -

WHITE CASTLE MANAGEMENT CO.,

Defendant(s).

Clerk of the Court To: Supreme Court of New York County of Bronx 851 Grand Concourse Bronx, New York 10451

Index No.: 303867/2007

NOTICE OF FILING OF NOTICE OF REMOVAL

SIR:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Jonus 30, 2008, the annexed Notice of Removal was filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, removing the above-captioned civil action to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and that no further proceedings shall be taken in this action unless remanded.

Dated:

Huntington, New York January 29, 2008

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WHITE CASTLE MANAGEMENT CO.,

-against-

**SUMMONS** 

The basis of the venue is

Plaintiff's Residence

Plaintiff resides at 1010 Bryant Avenue County of Bronx

Defendants.

To the above named Defendant

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: Bronx, New York

December 14, 2007

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff MARK B. RUBIN, ESQ. Post Office Address 3413 White Plains Road Bronx, New York 10467 (718) 231-1515

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-   -	MARJORIE MILLS-DIXON,						
	-against-	Plaintiff,	VERIFIED COMPLAINT Index No.:				
1	WHITE CASTLE MANAGEMENT CO.,						
		Defendant.	Y				
    	Plaintiff, complaining of the defendant by her attorney, Mark B. Rubin, respectfully alleges:						
	<u>FIRST:</u>	That upon information	on and belief at all times hereinafter mentioned,				
	he defendant was a domestic corporation.						
	SECOND:	That upon information and belief at all times hereinafter mentioned,					
	he defendant was a foreign corporation doing business in the State of New York.						
	THIRD:	That upon information	on and belief at all times hereinafter mentioned,				
	the defendant was a partnership doing business in the State of New York.						
	FOURTH:	That upon information and belief at all times hereinafter mentioned,					
	he defendant was an individual proprietorship doing business in the State of New York.						
		That upon information and belief at all times hereinafter mentioned					
	FIFTH:	mer of White Castle located at 550 East Fordham Road, Bronx, New York.					
	SIXTH:	That upon informat	ion and belief at all times hereinafter mentioned,				
	the defendant its agents,	servants, and/or employ	yees operated White Castle located at 550 East				
	Fordham Road, Bronx, New York.						
	<u>SEVENTH:</u>	That upon information and belief at all times hereinafter mention					
	the defendant Donut, its a	e defendant Donut, its agents, servants, and/or employees managed White Castle located at 550					

<u>EIGHTH:</u> That upon information and belief at all times hereinafter mentioned, the defendant Donuts, its agents, servants, and/or employees maintained White Castle located at 550 East Fordham Road, Bronx, New York.

NINTH: That upon information and belief at all times hereinafter mentioned, the defendant Donut, its agents, servants, and/or employees controlled White Castle located at 550 East Fordham Road, Bronx, New York.

TENTH: That on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007, while this plaintiff was lawfully, carefully and properly exiting White Castle, located at 550 East Fordham Road, Bronx, New York, where the ramp meets the blacktop, in the parking lot thereof, she was caused to and did fall, causing her to suffer and sustain the severe and serious injuries hereinafter alleged.

ELEVENTH: That the aforesaid occurrence was due by reason of the negligence of the defendant, it's agents, servants, employees, designees, representatives, licensees and lessees, in owning, operating, managing, maintaining and controlling the aforesaid premises in a careless, reckless, dangerous, negligent, improper, imprudent and wanton manner; in causing, creating, permitting, maintaining and suffering the area where the accident occurred to be inadequately and improperly constructed and/or designed; in causing the area where the accident occurred to be, remain, and exist in a broken, cracked, raised and depressed condition, containing breaks, cracks, holes, gaps between where the ramp meets the blacktop and changes in level, thereby causing, creating, permitting, maintaining, and suffering the said area to be, remain and exist in an unsafe, impassable, dangerous and defective condition so as to imperil anyone lawfully using the same; in failing to repair, or in improperly repairing the said area; in causing, creating, permitting,

Case 1:08-cy-00973 APRICED the salpharea to be, 2 emarriland to persons traversing same; in defective manner so as to greatly increase the danger and hazard to persons traversing same; in failing to remedy said condition although defendant knew, or should have known of the same by the exercise of reasonable inspection, observation and care; in failing to give the plaintiff any warning of the unsafe, impassable and dangerous condition; in having, hiring, and/or retaining in its employ inadequate, incompetent and/or insufficient help; in violating the applicable, statutes, rules, ordinances and regulations in such cases made and provided, and the defendant was otherwise negligent.

TWELFTH: That by reason of the foregoing, plaintiff was caused to suffer and sustain severe and serious injuries in and about her head, face, body and limbs, some of which are believed to be permanent, thereby rendering her sick, sore, lame and disabled, causing her to suffer, and she still suffers, and upon information and belief, she will in the future suffer great physical pain, mental anguish and suffering, causing her to be confined to her bed and/or home for a great length of time; in causing her to be unable to pursue, and she is still unable to fully pursue her usual vocation and activities, and upon information and belief, she will in the future, be unable to perform her usual vocation and activities; in causing her to expend divers sums of money on her behalf, and she will, upon information and belief, in the future, be caused to expend divers sums of money for medical aid and assistance in an effort to cure herself of her injuries, all to her damage in an amount in excess of the upper jurisdictional limit of all lower courts.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgment against the defendant in in an amount in excess

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disbursements of this action.

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Bronx, New York 10467

(718) 231-1515

## STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF BRONX

ss:

[x]

Marjorie Mills Dixon being sworn says: I am plaintiff in the action herein; I have read the annexed Complaint

Individual Verification know the contents thereof and the same are true to my knowledge, except those matters therein which are stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

(Print signer's name below signature)

Marjorie Mills Dixon

Sworn to before me on December 14, 2007

MARK B. RUBIN Notary Public, State of New York No. 02RU4839597

Qualified in Westchester County Commission Expires January 31, 2

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX MARJORIE MILLS DIXON,

Plaintiff,

-against-

Index No.

WHITE CASTLE MANAGEMENT CO.,

Defendant,

## SUMMONS AND VERIFIED COMPLAINT

MARK B. RUBIN Attorney for Plaintiff 3413 White Plains Road Bronx, New York 10467 (718) 231-1515

Pursuant to 22 NYCRR 130-1.1, the undersigned, an attorney admitted to practice in the courts of New York State, certifies that, upon information and belief and reasonable inquiry, the contentions contained in the annexed document Dated:.... Signature. Service of a Copy of the within Print Signer's Name. Dated: is hereby admitted.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE Attorney(s) for

that the within is a (certified) true copy of a entered in the office of the clerk of the within named Court on

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Notice of Entry

> that an Order of which the within is a true copy will be presented for settlement to the Hon. one of the judges of the within named Court, at

Notice of Settlement

on

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. at Dated:

MARK B. RUBIN, ESQ. Attorney for Plaintiff (s) 3413 White Plains Road Bronx, New York 10467 (718) 231-1515

Attorney(s) for

## State of New York - Department of State Receipt for Service

Receipt #: 200801030221

Cash #: 200801030176

Date of Service: 12/31/2007

Service Company: 37 UNITED CORPORATE SERVICES - 37

Fee Paid: \$40 - DRAWDOWN

Service was directed to be made pursuant to: SECTION 307 OF THE BUSINESS CORPORATION LAW

Party Served: WHITE CASTLE MANAGEMENT CO.

Plaintiff/Petitioner:

DIXON, MARJORIE MILLS

Service of Process Address:

Secretary of State By AMY LESCH

## AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE ON A CORPORATIONTHROUGH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

State of New York

Supreme Court, County of Bronx

MARJORIE MILLS DIXON,

Plaintiff

Against

WHITE CASTLE MANAGEMENT CO.,

Defendant

STATE OF NEW YORK )

)ss:

COUNTY OF ALBANY )

Kelly Fitzpatrick, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is over the age of eighteen (18) years; that on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2007 at the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York in the City of Albany, New York, she served the annexed Summons and Complaint upon White Castle Management Co., Defendant in this action, by delivering to and leaving with Amy Lesch, a clerk in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York personally at the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York one (1) true copy thereof and that at the time of making such service, deponent paid said Secretary of State a fee of \$40.00. That said service was made pursuant to Section 307 of the Business Corporation Law.

Deponent further says that she knew the person so served as aforesaid to be a clerk in the Office of the Secretary of State of New York, duly authorized to accept such service on behalf of said defendant.

Deponent further states that she describes the person actually served as follows:

<u>Sex</u>	Skin Color	Hair Color	<u>Age</u>	<u>Height</u>	Weight
( )Male	()Black	(X)Light	(29)	(5'8")	(140. lbs)
(X)Female	(X)White	( ) Med. ( ) Dark ( )			
Other Identifying Features:		Kelly Fitzpatrick			

Sworn to me this 4th day of January, 2008

JAMES T MARTIN

Notary Public State of New York
No. 01MA5033349

Qualified in Albany County Commission Expires Sept.19, 20 | ()